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1. USBER'S COMMENTS REFTEL C STRIKE US ALSO AS CORRECT
AND WE WILL USE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPRESS OTHER
ALLIES AND FRG OF IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING AGREED PRESS
LINE--WHICH APPARENTLY WAS NOT DONE IN THIS INSTANCE.

2. REGARDING USBER'S INCLINATION FOR THE FUTURE (PARA 3
REFTEL C), IT SEEMS TO US DOUBTFUL THAT AS GENERAL RULE
ALLIED RESPONSES TO PRESS INQUIRIES COULD BE LIMITED TO
STATEMENT THAT WE REGARD DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS ON
SUCH MATTERS AS CONFIDENTIAL. PARTICULARLY IN CASES
SUCH AS EC VOCATIONAL CENTER IN WHICH SOVIETS THEMSELVES
GENERATE PRESS PLAY, WITH RESULTANT FOCUS ON QUESTION OF
POSSIBLE SOVIET DEMARCHE, WE HAVE DOUBTS THAT THIS KIND
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OF PRESS LINE WILL HOLD. AS IN THE PAST, WE BELIEVE

THERE WILL BE OCCASIONS WHEN IT WILL BE APPROPRIATE TO
CONFIRM RECEIPT, WITHOUT CHARACTERIZING IT, OF SOVIET
COMMUNICATION BUT STAYING WITH LINE THAT CONTENTS ARE
CONFIDENTIAL. IN PRESENT CASE, ROMANOVSKIY'S APPROACH
SEEMS RATHER DISINGENUOUS AND USBER PROTOCOL OFFICER
PROPERLY POINTED OUT TO HIM SOVIET ROLE VIS A VIS THE
PRESS. WE WOULD THINK IT WORTHWHILE FOR USBER ON APPRO-
PRIATE OCCASION TO AGAIN MAKE POINT TO SOVIETS THAT THEIR
OWN INDISCRETIONS AND LEAKS CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR THE
CONFIDENTIAL HANDLING OF THESE MATTERS WHICH BOTH WE AND
THEY DESIRE.
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